

With One Voice!

The Roman Catholic Parishes of:
St. Agnes' Crawcrook, St. Joseph's Highfield,
& Our Lady of Lourdes Chopwell



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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (B) 9th & 10th December 2017

Psalter Week 4

First Reading: ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11
Prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us see O lord your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second Reading: SECOND LETTER OF ST. PETER
We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth..

Gospel Reading MARK 1:1-8
Make his paths straight



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 9 th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Stan Summers Lily Johansen
Monday 11 th December	Weekday or St Damasus	NO MASS	
Tuesday 12 th December	Weekday of Advent	Chopwell 10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 13 th December	REQUIEM	Crawcrook 12.45pm	Pat Taylor
Thursday 14 th December	St. John of the Cross	Chopwell 10.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 15 th December	Weekday of Advent	Highfield 10.00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday 16 th December	Weekday of Advent	Crawcrook 10.00am	Maureen Higgins

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Venue & Time</i>	<i>Mass Intention</i>
Saturday 16 th December	Vigil Mass	Highfield 5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 17 th December	Mass during the day	Crawcrook 9.15am Chopwell 11.00am	Paul Bousfield All who are sick

FORWARD TOGETHER

HOPE

God of all Creation,

You have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese
and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world.

Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself
to learn from you and to model their lives on you.

Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world

Come upon us, Holy Spirit,
deepen the faith you invite us to share
and inspire us to become faithful witnesses.

As we begin to develop our partnerships,
help each one of us to use the gifts you give us,
to nurture one another, to serve the world,
and to live in harmony with the whole of creation.

All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notices

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick / housebound:

Frs. Tony Duffy, Richard Harriot, David Tanner

Please also pray for Chloe Anna Cant, Aaron Armstrong, Bill Mennell, Brian McNally, Ruth MacCaughey, Mia Slowie, Audrey Rafferty, , Patrick John Lawrence, Helena Elliott, Irene Gilhooly, Maureen Baines, George Gill, Monica Coleman, Terry Reay, Tony Tynan, Simon Burns, Julia Knight, Doreen Hodgson, Michael Delamere, Jane Parkin, Barry Gatiss, Tony Pffiffin and Wilf Crawley

Anniversaries

St. Agnes' Stan Summers, Gertrude Marie Philomena Kelly,

St. Joseph's Laurence Atkinson, Philip Browne, Joseph Hagan, Jane Carter, Catherine Hood, Philip King, Michael Dooley, Helena Hagan, Mary Guthrie, George Bedford, Elizabeth McFarlane

Our Lady of Lourdes Elizabeth Jobs and Annie McGeary

Please pray for Mr. Pat Taylor and Brenda Miller, a resident in Dovecote home, High Spen who died recently and their families in their grieving sadness. Pat's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St. Agnes' on Wednesday, 13th December at 12.45pm, followed by interment in Greenside Cemetery.

. **Today: is Bible Sunday.** In thanksgiving for the Word of God handed on to us in the Old and New Testaments perhaps we could make a point of carving out a few quiet moments to privately reflect on a chosen passage from Scripture in the Presence of Our Lord today.

Cycle of Prayer: During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.**

The big sing: Our opportunity to get into the Spirit of Christmas in singing one's favourite carols in St. Barnabas', RG this Sunday at 4.00pm.

Advent Services Sunday , 17th December. Our Lady of Lourdes Advent Service 4.00pm : Family Advent Service, St. Agnes' 3.00pm with refreshments afterwards

Partnership Matters Please see notice boards for the latest edition (3) of the Diocesan Communication on Parish Partnerships from the Department for Development and Renewal, or download it from our Diocesan Website, and links in our Parish Website.

CAFOD/Christian Aid advent service collection realised £287.46 which will be shared by the two charities.

St. Joseph's: Reception Class Nativity Play , Thursday, 14th December at 9.30am. Years 3/4 Advent Liturgy for whole school on Friday, 15th December at 8.40am

St. Agnes – There will be a collection for Christmas flowers next Sunday. The Christmas Draw tickets have to be returned this week as the draw takes place after Saturday morning mass. Christmas church cleaning will be on Friday 22nd December at 9.30am. Extra help will be appreciated.

Diocesan Northern Catholic Calendar 2018: For all Diocesan Agencies, Parish, Partnership, Clergy Information, Hospital & School Chaplaincies, and Contact Numbers, Priest Obituaries [including Canon Kearney's]. Copies are on sale at back of Church for £3.

Consultation on Admission Arrangements for St Joseph's and St Agnes' Primary Schools 2019/20

Where changes to admission arrangements are intended, all schools are required to consult before these are determined and published. The policies of our two primary schools for consultation for 2019-20 are available for view on the Parish Website (Schools – Admissions Consultation).

The consultation will run from Monday 4 December 2017 – Monday 22 January 2018. A consultation response form is available by request from the schools.

The governing bodies will consider all comments received before they determine the arrangements for 2019-20.

Primary School Admissions 2018

If your child is due to start reception class in September 2018, you can apply online for your child's school place. The closing date for submitting applications is 15th January 2018. Please support our own primary schools; even if you haven't children of your own starting school next September, please encourage friends, family and neighbours who have to consider applying to either of our parish primary schools.